

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 34 stand cancelled hereunder without prejudice. New Claims 38 - 56 are added. Support for new Claim 38 is found on pages 2, 5, and 6. Support for new Claim 39 is found on page 3. Support for new Claim 40 is found on page 4. Support for new Claim 41 is found on page 4. Support for new Claim 42 is found on page 4. Support for new Claim 43 is found on page 11. Support for new Claim 44 is found on pages 11 and 12. Support for new Claim 45 is found on pages 13 and 14. Support for new Claim 46 is found on page 60. Support for new Claim 47 is found on pages 23 and 24. Support for new Claim 48 is found on pages 24 - 34. Support for new Claim 49 is found on pages 7 - 10. Support for new Claim 50 is found on pages 20 and 38 - 39. Support for new Claim 51 is found on page 6. Support for new Claim 52 is found on page 6. Support for new Claim 53 is found on page 7. Support for new Claim 54 is found on page 7. Support for new Claim 55 is found on page 7. Support for new Claim 56 is found on page 7.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 17 - 21, 25 - 29, and 33 - 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. 5,520,841 issued to Block et al. for the reasons of record stated on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Claims 17 - 21, 25 - 29, and 33 - 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. 5,612,305 issued to Lewis for the reasons of record stated on page 3 of the Office Action.

It is believed that these rejections are now moot as Claims 17 - 21, 25 - 29 and 33 - 34 stand cancelled herewith without prejudice. Hence, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 17 - 22 and 25 - 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lewis in view of U.S. 5,612,305 issued to Evans for the reasons of record stated on pages 3 and 4 of the office Action. It is believed that this rejection is now moot as Claims 17 - 22 and 25 - 34 stand cancelled herewith without prejudice. Hence, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

SUMMARY

This is an RCE responsive to the final Office Action dated September 23, 2005. A one-month extension of time is requested to respond to this Office Action. Authorization is provided to charge any fees associated with this response to Deposit Account No.: 16-2480. The rejection of Claims 17 - 21 and 25 - 29, and 33 - 34 under 35 U.S.C. §102 and Claims 17 - 22 and 25 - 34 under 35 U.S.C. §103 are believed to be moot as these claims have been cancelled herewith without prejudice. New Claims 38 - 54 have been added. Applicants respectfully request that these new claims be allowed.

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